

FISCAL NOTE

HB 823 - SB 1259

March 28, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires the Department of Transportation to prepare a written report concerning the effectiveness of warning strips on approaches to railroad-highway crossings.
- Requires the report to include at least the following information: (1) number of warning strips installed; (2) location of such warning strips; (3) year of installation; (4) appropriate federal or state studies concerning warning strip usage; and (5) public feedback on warning strips.
- Authorizes the department to include additional information in the report in assessing the effectiveness of warning.
- Requires the Department to submit the completed report to the Senate and House Transportation Committees at the first regularly scheduled meeting in January 2002.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Less than \$100,000 One-Time / Highway Fund

The total increase in state expenditures cannot be determined but is estimated to be less than \$100,000 to the Highway Fund on a one-time basis.

For information purposes, based on information received from the Department of Transportation,

- *For purposes of the estimate, the department assumes that warning strips refer to advanced pavement markers.*
- *The Rail Safety Office could compare previous minimum protection projects with the current minimum protection enforcement program and answer: (1) number of warning strips installed; (2) location of warning strips; and (3) year of installation.*
- *Since DOT is not the only entity that installs warning strips, to conclusively answer the report, cities and counties would have to be questioned.*
- *Reporting on provisions that are in the bill relating to federal or state studies concerning warning strip usage and gathering public feedback on such strips could require support from the Federal Highway Administration and other outside research sources.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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